

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT REQUEST )</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE TERRITORY )</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF SERVICE</b>
<b>EXCEPTION BETWEEN MCCOOK ELECTRIC )</b>	<b>RIGHTS</b>
<b>COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SIOUX VALLEY- )</b>	
<b>SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, )</b>	<b>EL00-021</b>
<b>INC. )</b>	

On June 5, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a joint request from McCook Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MEC) and Sioux Valley-Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SVSW) seeking approval of an agreement for a service rights exception. The purpose of the filing was to seek Commission approval for an exception to the existing electric service territorial agreement. According to the application, "[T]his agreement between the two parties seeks a transfer of service territory. SVSW and MEC jointly request an exception to the existing electric service territorial agreement to permit SVSW to provide (sic) electric service to Smith Farms Inc. for a seed handling service in the Northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 103 North, Range 53 West."

MEC and SVSW have entered into an agreement entitled "Joint Request for Electric Service Territory Exception" dated May 31, 2000, and have filed same along with a map delineating the affected territories as well as a signature of consent signed by the affected customer concurring with the territorial transfer. The agreement stated that the "consent on the part of MEC is limited to the said service to Smith Farms, Inc. and will automatically terminate upon removal or abandonment of such service."

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-42, and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that the service rights transfer is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

**ORDERED**, that the request seeking approval of service rights transfer is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of June, 2000.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

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PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner